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333 W. Nye Lane, Room 138
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Notice of Proposed Action

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for a Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Coneva Mill Project**, a small-scale beneficiation facility pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.410, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV2002101** is:

Coneva Holdings Limited LLC
Coneva Mill Project
459 North 1300 East #6
St. George, Utah 84770

The facility, known as the Coneva Mill Project, is located in the SE ¼, Section 21, Township 13 South, Range 71 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 1.5 miles south of the town of Mesquite, in northeast Clark County, Nevada.

The project consists of a beneficiation facility incorporating acid vat-leach technology to extract copper, nickel, and associated cobalt and precious metals, from flotation concentrates obtained from Key West Mine stockpiled ores.

The facility consists primarily of an acid storage and recirculation tank, feed hopper, three (3) leach vats, two (2) counter-current-decant thickeners, a belt extractor, an electro-winning circuit, and associated and interconnected pumps, sumps, tanks, vats, and pipelines, all placed on a sealed concrete secondary containment pad. Technical grade copper cathode will be electro-won at the site. Other metals will be recovered from residues sent off site for further refining.

The facility may process up to 10,000 tons of flotation concentrate per year and, in accordance with NAC 445A.377, a maximum of 120,000 tons during the life of the project. Existing and new surface disturbance created by the proposed project will total less than three (3) acres. The facility is required to be designed, constructed, operated and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation except for meteorological events which exceed the design storm event.

The Administrator is constrained to issue the Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed Water Pollution Control Permit, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation into the permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, NAC Chapter 445A, must submit their written comments, objections, or requests no later than 5:00 PM on the 30th day following the date of publication of this notice (**30 May 2003**) to:

Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
Capitol Complex
333 West Nye Lane, Room 138
Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851

All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this Water Pollution Control Permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The draft Water Pollution Control Permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 445A.665. For more information, contact Miles Shaw at (775) 687-9409, toll free in Nevada (800) 992-0900, extension 4670, or visit our website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>